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REMARKS

This supplemental amendment is filed to supplement the response timely filed via facsimile on March 1, 2004 for the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2003 and to place the application in condition for allowance in view of the Advisory Action dated March 10, 2004. Reconsideration and allowance of the currently-amended application are respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action dated November 28, 2003, Claims 6-9 and 12-34 were allowed. Claims 1-5 and 11 were finally rejected. The Patent Office maintained the rejections to Claims 1-5 and 11 in the Advisory Action dated March 10, 2004.

Although Applicants disagree with the position of the Patent Office with respect to Claims 1-5 and 11, Applicants now amend the claims to obviate the rejections.

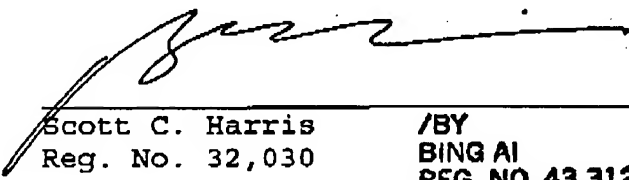
More specifically, Claim 1 has been cancelled to obviate the final rejection. Claims 2 and 11 have been amended to be dependent on allowed Claim 6 and thus are now allowable. Accordingly, Claims 3-5 are now dependent on allowed Claim 6 via the intervening Claim 2 and thus are also allowable. In view of the above, all rejections have been obviated and there's no outstanding issue in this case. Upon entry of the above amendment, Claims 2-9 and 11-34 are pending and are allowable. Therefore, the application as amended is now in full condition

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for allowance. Applicants respectfully request an official notice of allowance to be issued at an early date.

This response is a supplement to the timely filed response on March 1, 2004 and thus no fee is believed to be due for filing this response. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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